Motion put and carried

The Cochin Forest Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I beg to introduce the Cochin Forest Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. K. V. Menon *(Publicity Officer):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Forest Act (Amendment) Bill".

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I beg to request that S. O. 32 may be suspended and the Bill taken up for consideration.

Deputy President: S. O. 32 is suspended.

Motion put and carried

Clauses 2 to 29 put and carried

Clause 1 put and carried

Title and preamble put and carried

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I beg to move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed day after to-morrow.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Prisons Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I move that the Cochin Prisons Act (Amendment) Bill be read in Council. The statement of objects and reasons would show why this amendment is sought to be introduced here. The Cochin Prisons Act, VI of 1076, is based on the Indian Prisons Act. The latter Act has recently been amended by the Madras Act, XIV of 1938, for the purpose of empowering the Prison officers to send prisoners to hospitals and asylums outside the prison for special treatment. Provision is also made to compute the period of such treatment as part of the period of detention in prison. It is deemed necessary to incorporate such a provision in our Act. The opportunity has also been availed of to effect certain amendments consequential to the repealing of the old Criminal Procedure Code and the passing of the Prisons Act. Hence this Bill. Under the present Act, there is no power for the prison officers to remove or transfer a prisoner who is suffering from a disease, either leprosy or lunacy, and send him to hospital and while he is there, under such treatment, to treat that period as part of the period of imprisonment. There is such a provision in the Madras Act. We are trying to follow the Madras Rules so

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far as our Jail Rules are concerned, and hence the necessity for this amendment. It is purely a non-controversial matter.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* What was the practice before?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* By executive orders, it was being managed. We thought it would be better to have the power under the Act by amending the Act itself. It is only for that purpose.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Prisons Act (Amendment) Bill."

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I beg to move that S. O. 32 may be suspended and the Bill taken for consideration.

Deputy President: The S. O. is suspended.

Motion put and carried

Clauses 2 to 11 put and carried

Clause 1 put and carried

Title and Preamble put and carried

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed day after tomorrow.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Lunacy Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I beg to move that The Cochin Lunacy Act (Amendment) Bill be read in Council.

Here also the same reasons as in the case of the Prisons Act (Amendment) Bill apply.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The Title of the Bill is The Cochin Lunacy Act (Amendment) Bill.

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